I COULD TEAR THIS CONTRACT UP RIGHT NOW YOU'D BE THROWN INTO OBLIVION.

OR WOULD YOU CARE TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE BLUFFING.

THERE'S
ONLY ONE WAY
TO FIND OUT.

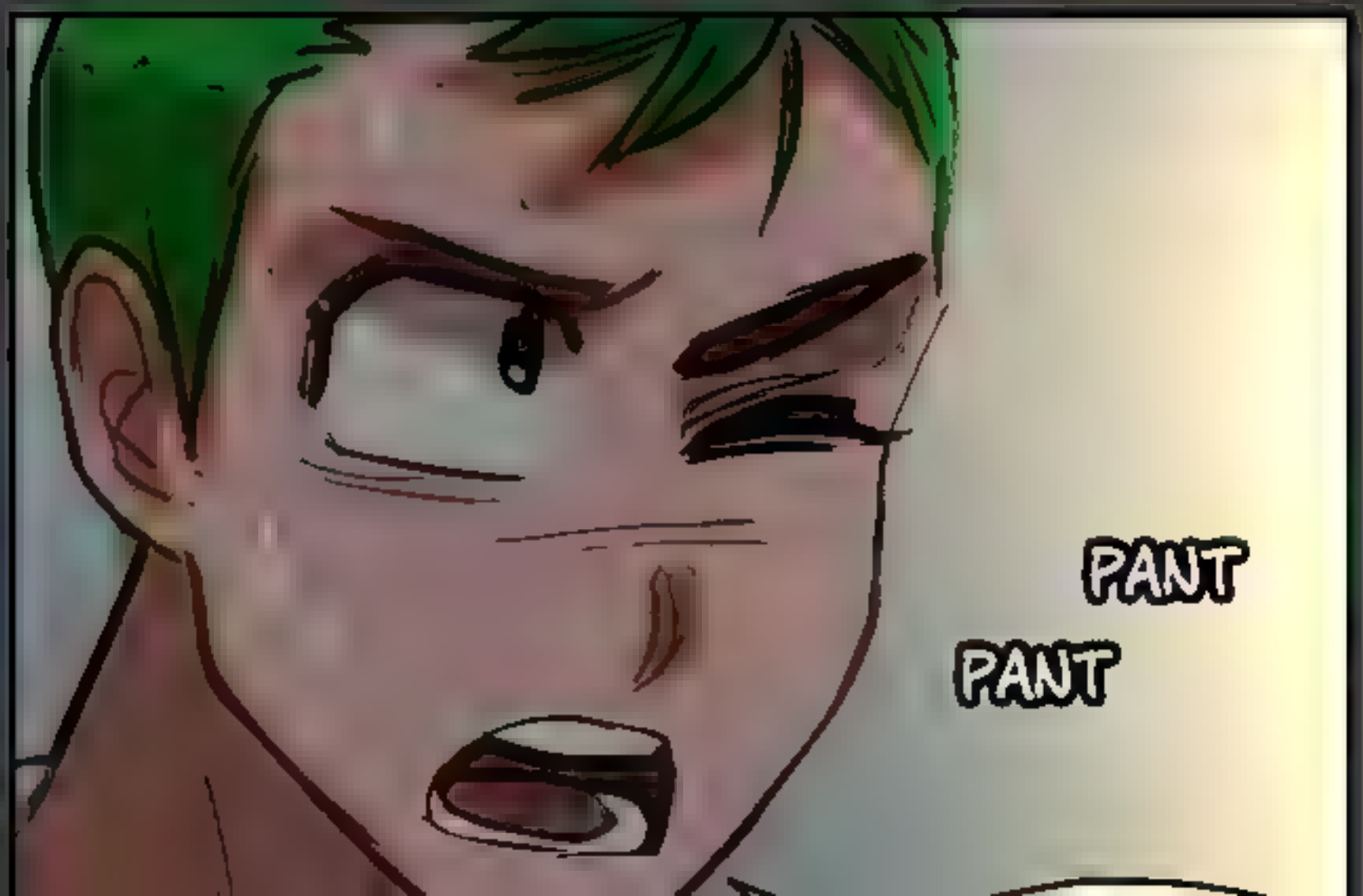
RIIIP

HAAAH!!

OKAY!

WAIT!!!

PAUSE


PANT
PANT

IT WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BE A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT...

IT ALL
STARTED IN THE
BLACK BOX...

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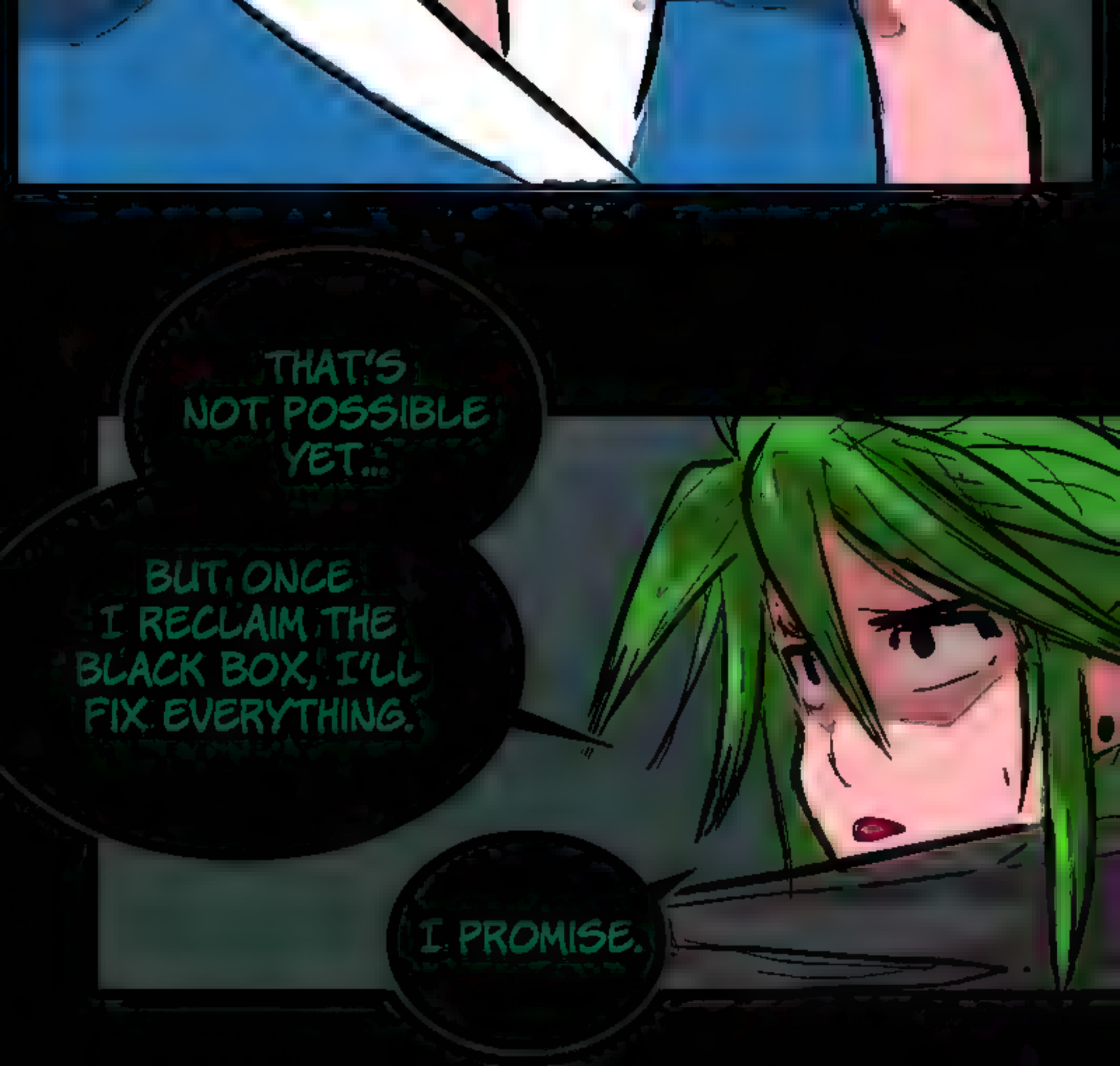
WE'RE HERE!

NOW WHAT? ARE YOU GOING TO LET ME GO?


THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE YET...
BUT, ONCE I RECLAIM THE BLACK BOX, I'LL FIX EVERYTHING.
I PROMISE.

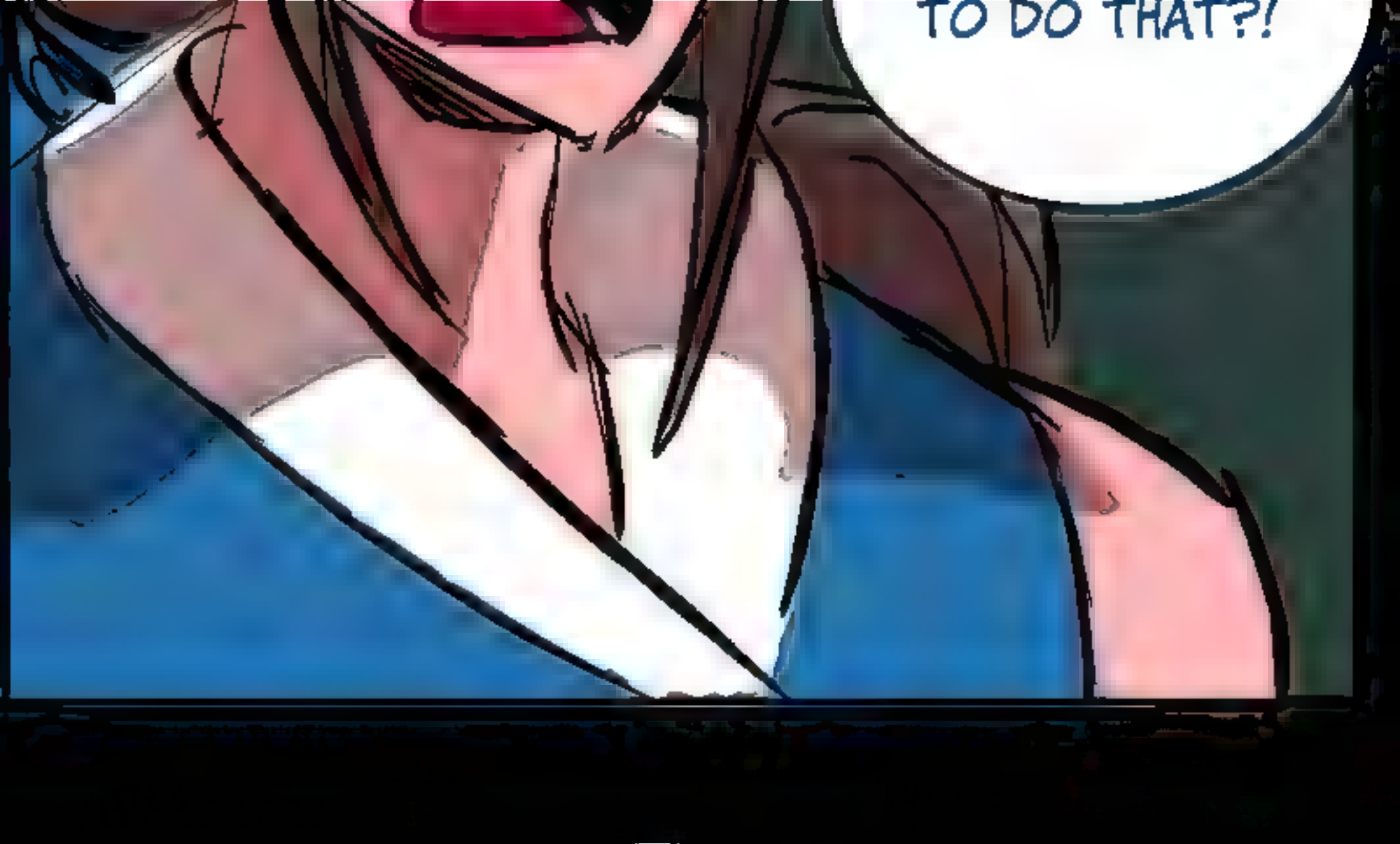
AND WHAT IF THAT DOESN'T WORK?
I'VE DONE THIS A FEW TIMES ALREADY.

TRUST
IT WIL
WORK.

IF YOU'RE SUCH AN EXPERT, THEN WHAT DO YOU NEED ME FOR?

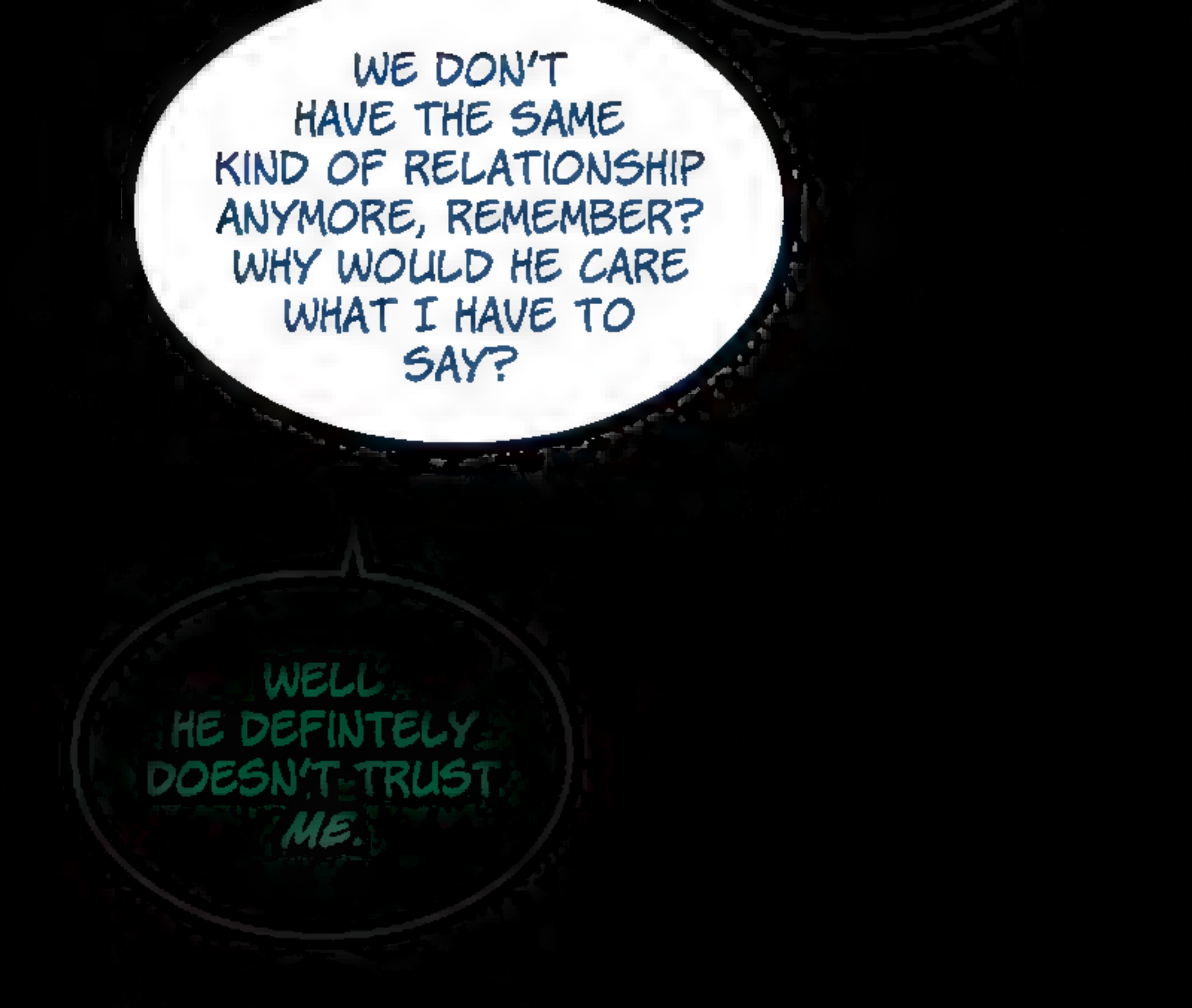
...
I NEED YOU TO CONVINCE ME TO DO THIS.

WHAT?!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED


TO DO THAT?!

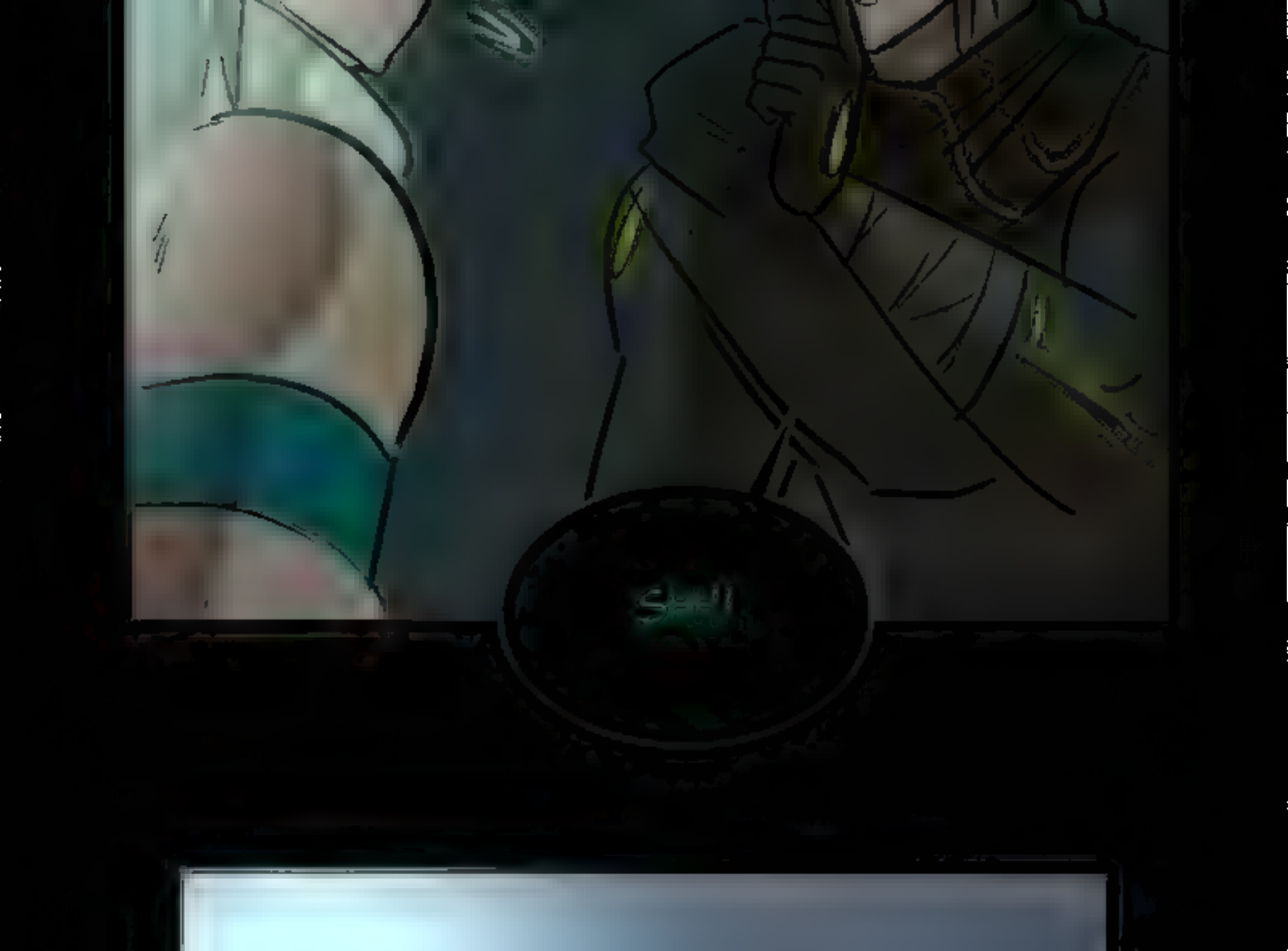
JUST EXPLAIN THE SITUATION...
FROM AND OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVE, THIS LOOKS REALLY BAD. IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A SIMPLE EXPLANATION.

LISTEN, I KNOW MYSELF... I CAN BE A LITTLE STUBBORN--
PFF... THAT'S AN UNDERSTATE--MENT.
--BUT A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM YOU WOULD GO A LONG WAY!


WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP ANYMORE, REMEMBER? WHY WOULD HE CARE WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?
WELL HE DEFINTELY DOESN'T TRUST ME.

THAT'S
FOR SURE.

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING --?



LOOK!

TAK
TAK
YOU TOLD ME THEY'D TURN AGAINST ME...
YOU MADE SURE OF THAT, DIDN'T YOU?

TAK
THE IMPLANT, THE ARM, THE SHADOW... YOU PLANNED EVERYTHING SO I'D BE TRAPPED AND HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN TO YOU.
IS THAT WHY KODYA DIED TOO?

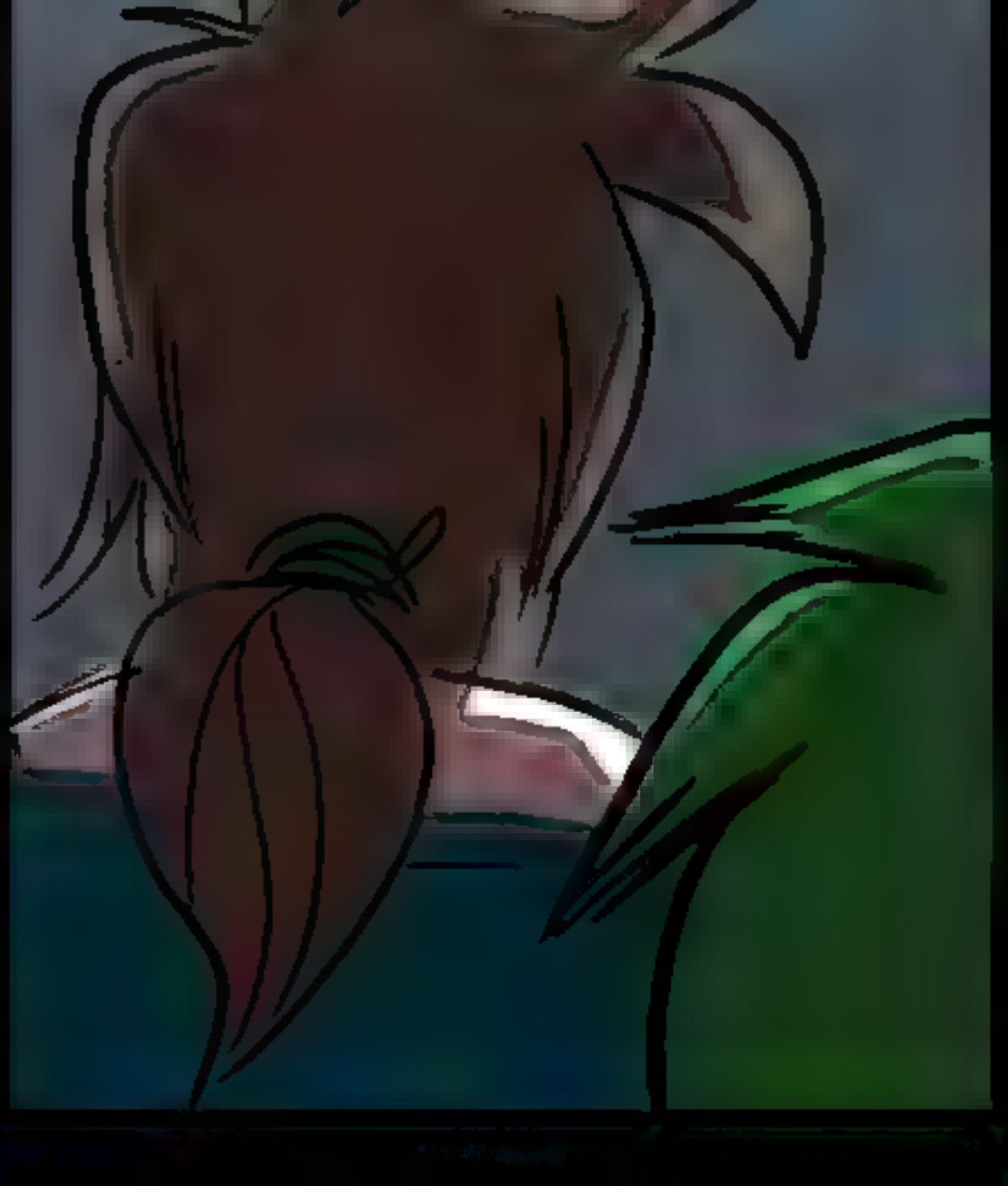
KID?

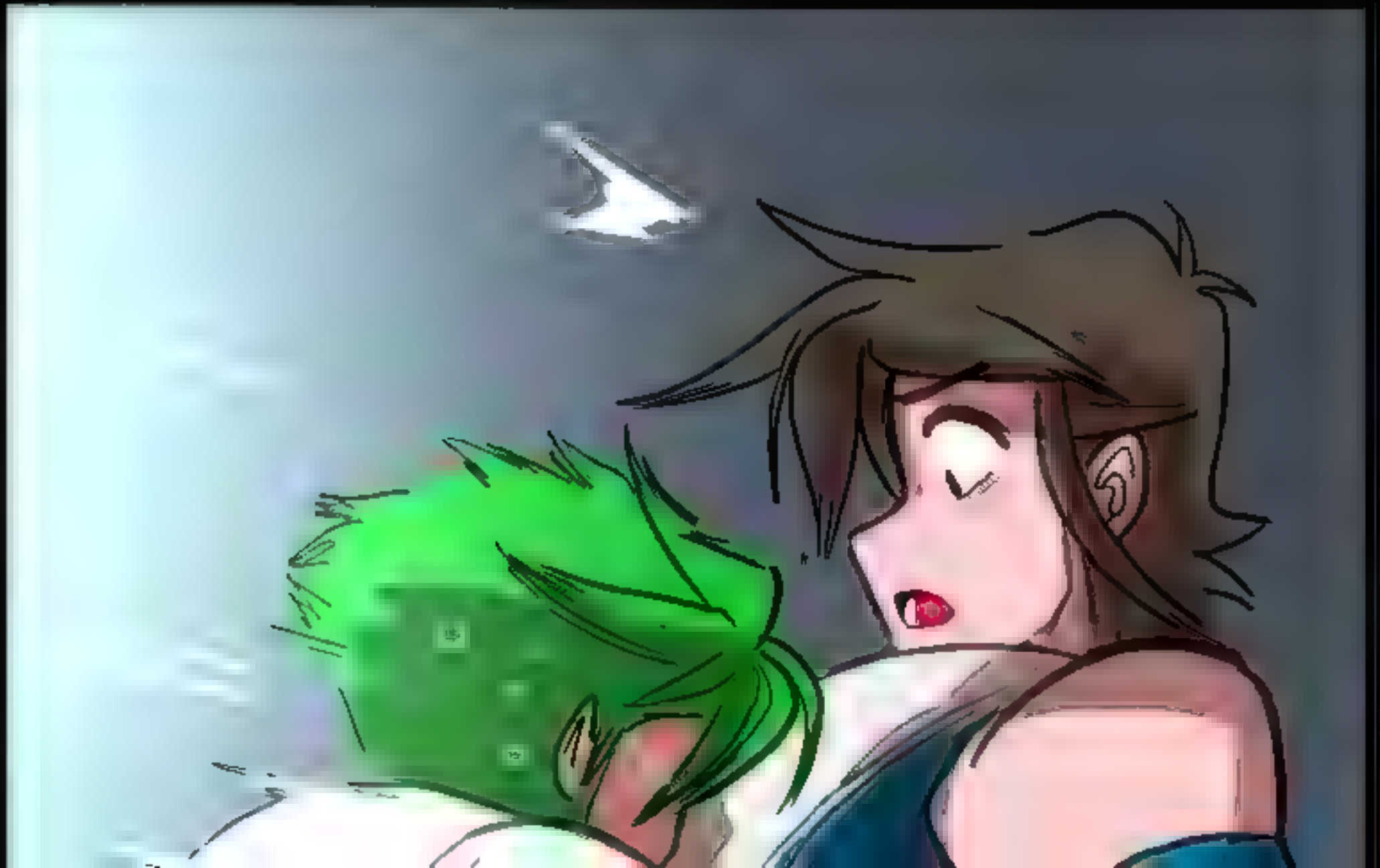
PAUSE
...

...KODYA.

KID,
WE NEED TO
TALK!

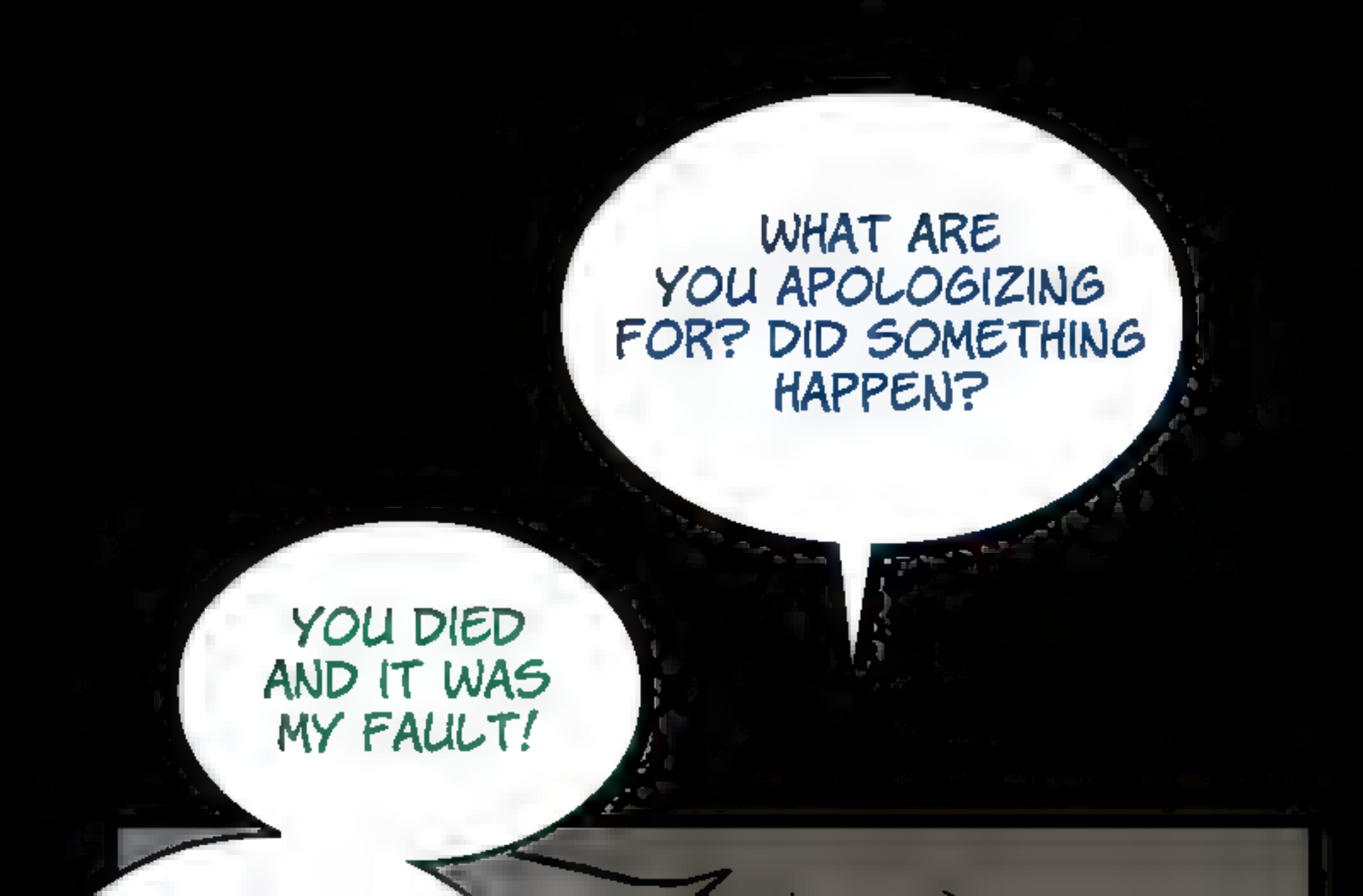
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK





IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, KID.

I'M SORRY!
I'M SO SO SORRY!!


WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU DIED AND IT WAS MY FAULT!

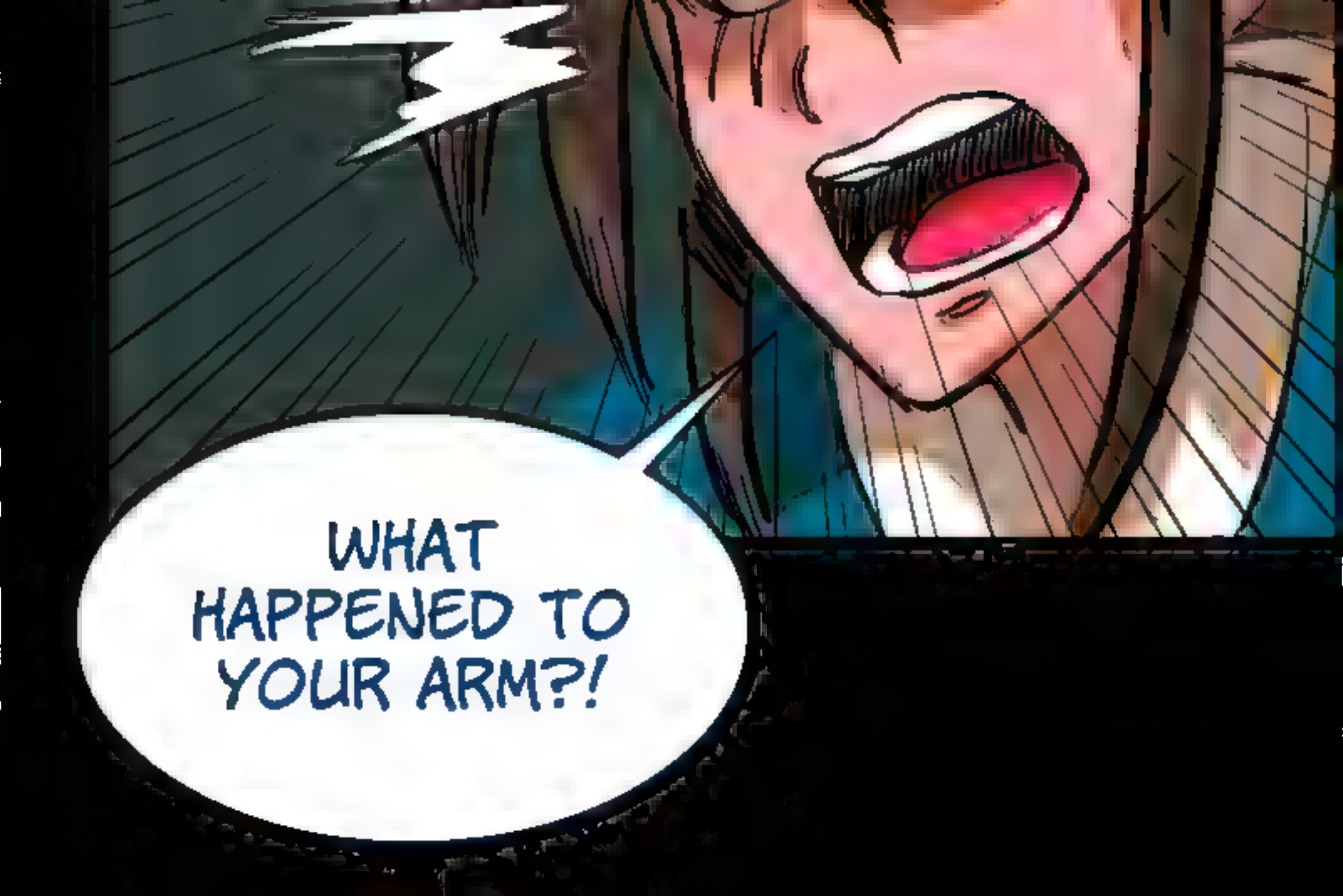
AND
NOW YOU'RE
STUCK IN THE
BLACK BOX...

AND THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T LET THEM KILL ME.

BUT I SCREWED UP. THE SHADOW TOOK OVER AND I ALMOST KILLED EVERYONE!

I'M SORRY...
I'M ACTING
PATHETIC...

EVERYTHING IS A MESS AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIX IT...


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?!

The COST OF PULLING THE SHADOW INTO THE BLACK BOX.

I'M SORRY... I MADE THE DECISION IN THE MOMENT... IT HAD TO BE DONE.

DO YOU THINK I'M STUPID?

I FOUND YOUR DESIGNS FOR THE ARM.
THIS WAS ALL PART OF YOUR PLAN!

I THINK
YOU LET THE
SHADOW IN HERE
ON PURPOSE!

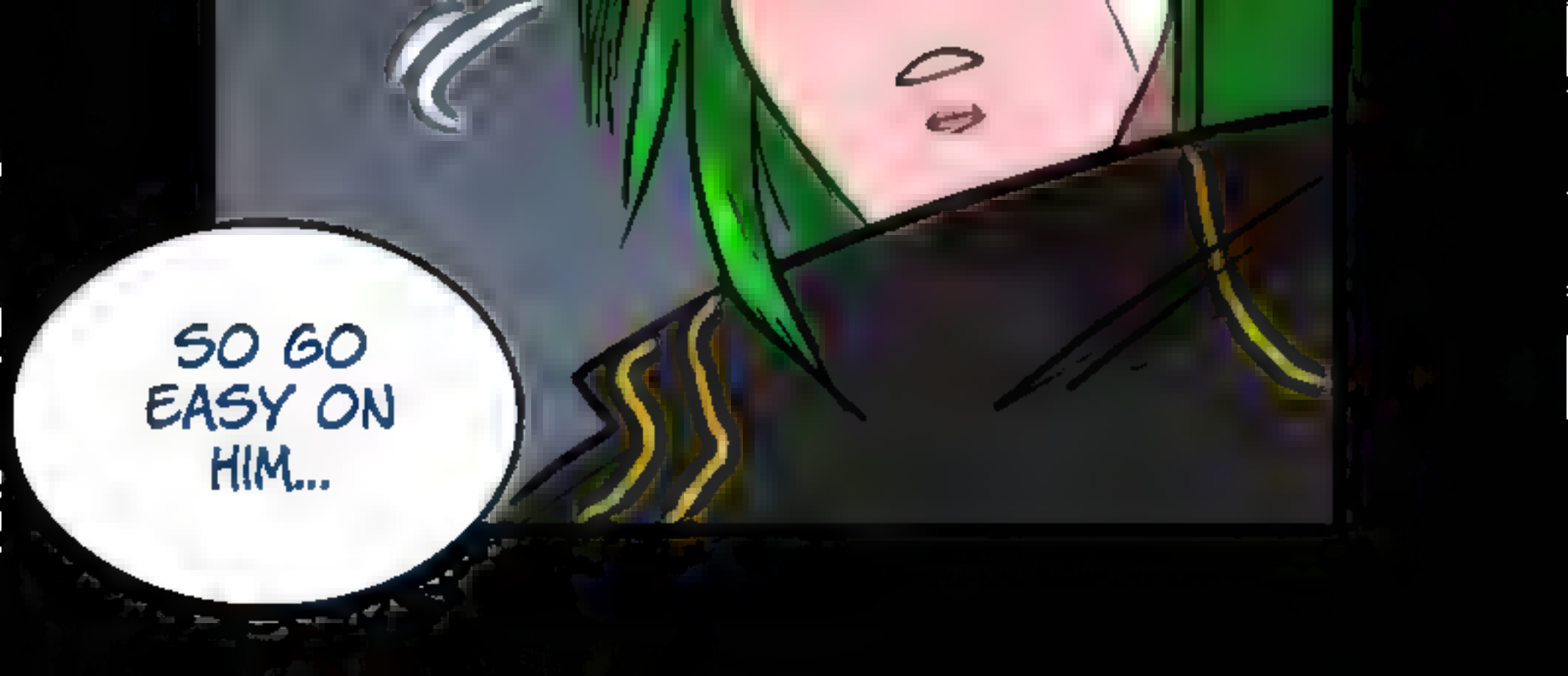
YOU DID IT JUST TO TRAP ME!
SO I WOULD SLOWLY LOSE CONTROL UNTIL I HAD NO ONE TO TURN TO EXCEPT YOU!
ALL SO YOU CAN COME BACK AGAIN.

FOR WHAT?! TO KILL AND ABUSE THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED YOU?

WOOSH
STOP.

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN PUT IN A TERRIBLE SITUATION...

BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN A BAD PERSON.


SO GO EASY ON HIM...

KODYA...
I SAW WHAT HAPPENED... I KNOW HOW MUCH I HURT YOU...

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE ON MY SIDE.

. . .
I AM ON YOUR SIDE.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN.

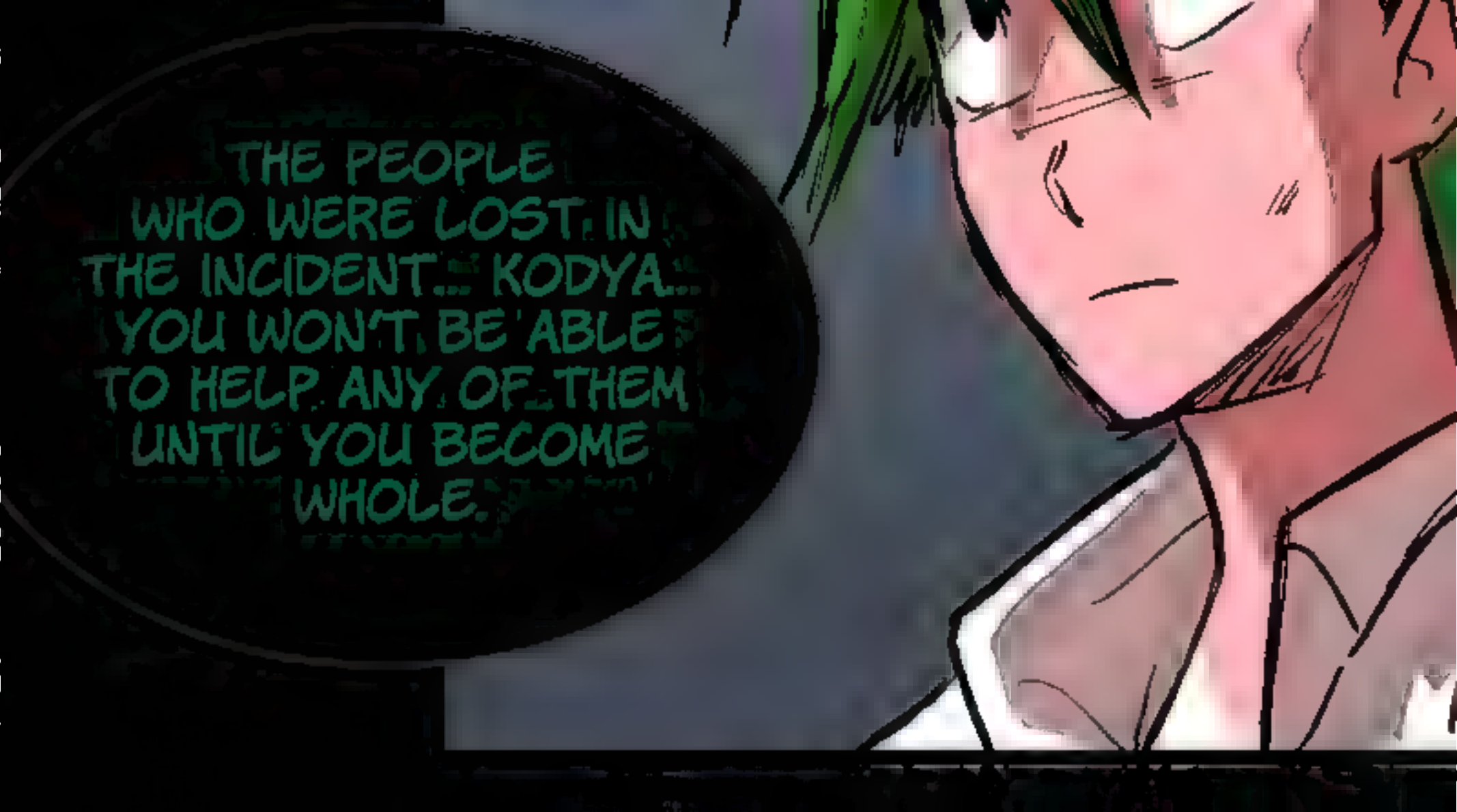
I WAS ANGRY TOO.
BUT THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY THAN MEETS THE EYE.

EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES...

BUT HE'S TRYING TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
JUST... GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN.
EXPLAIN THEN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

ONLY WHAT I WANT FROM MYSELF.
TAKE YOUR MEMORIES BACK. LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES, AND MAKE THINGS RIGHT.


THE PEOPLE WHO WERE LOST IN THE INCIDENT... KODYA... YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP ANY OF THEM UNTIL YOU BECOME WHOLE.

I'LL SHOW YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.
BUT IT TAKES SEVERAL DAYS OF CONSTANT MEDITATION TO SORT THROUGH EVERYTHING.

AND YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF BY LAYING COMATOSE IN YOUR ROOM FOR THAT LONG.

THIS MUST
REMAIN A SECRET
OR SOMEONE WILL
INTERVENE.

SO YOU WANT ME TO COME BACK HERE EVERY NIGHT WHEN I'M ALONE, IS THAT IT?

UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE ALREADY WAITED TOO LONG TO BEGIN...

THE SHADOW HAS ALREADY GOT A HEAD START ON US. AND AS IT GAINS CONTROL OVER THE BLACK BOX, I GROW WEAKER.
IT'S BEEN SUBDUED FOR NOW... WE NEED TO MAKE YOU WHOLE BEFORE THE SHADOW RETURNS.

THEN WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE WE DO?

GYRUS, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, KODYA WILL TAKE OVER YOUR BODY SO YOU CAN GO ON WITHOUT DRAWING SUSPICION.
!!

AS LONG AS THEY THINK I'M PLAYING ALONG, THEY SHOULDN'T BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE.

WH-WHAT?!
IS THAT REALLY NECESSARY?

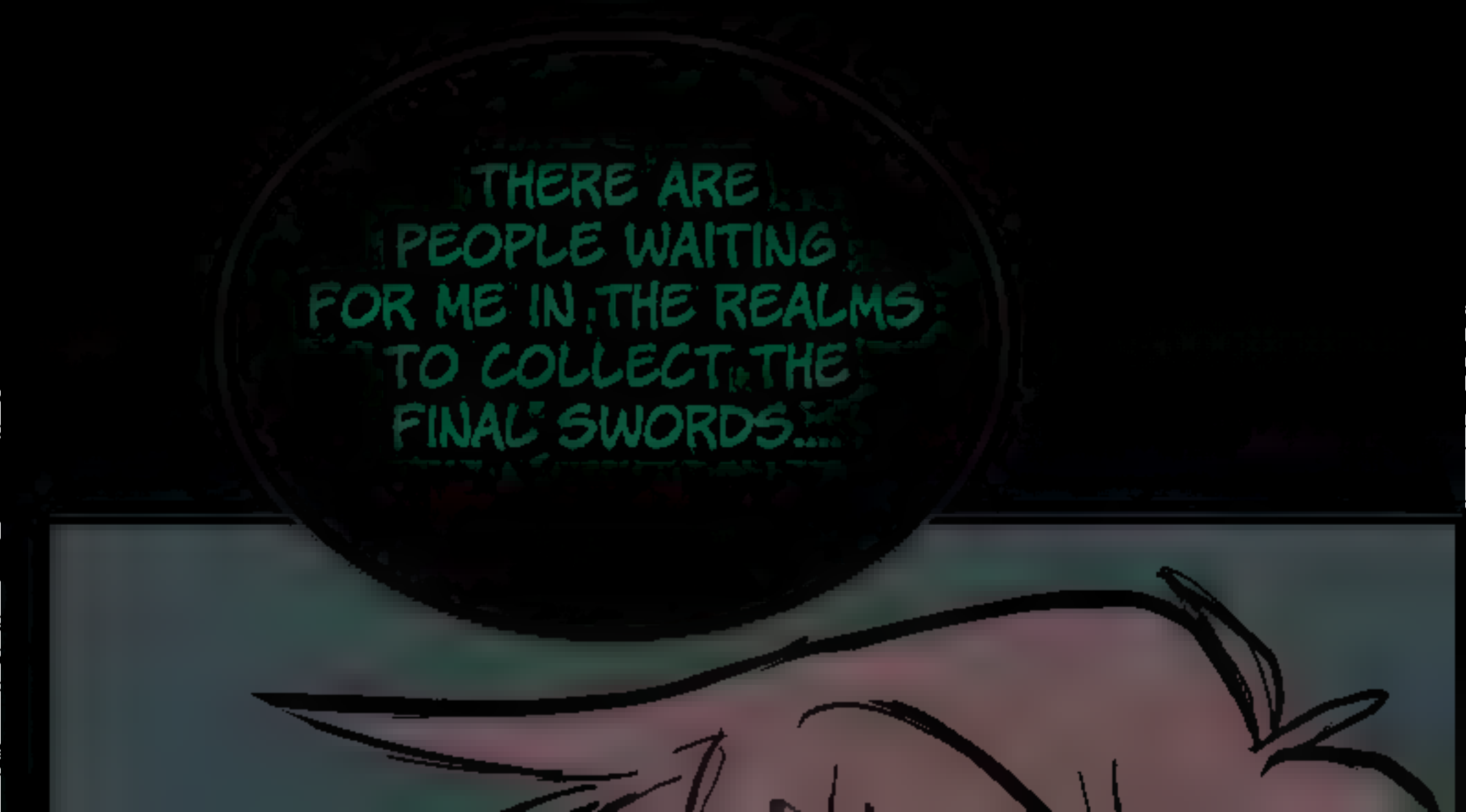
I COULD JUST HIDE SOMEWHERE AND THEY'D THINK I WENT MISSING.

THERE'S
NO NEED FOR
ANYONE TO TAKE
OVER MY BODY!

IF YOU SUDDENLY WENT MISSING, THEY'D BE SUSPICIOUS ALSO.

IF YOU DO NOTHING, THE SHADOW WILL TAKE YOUR BODY ANYWAY. IS THIS REALLY THE TIME FOR MODESTY?

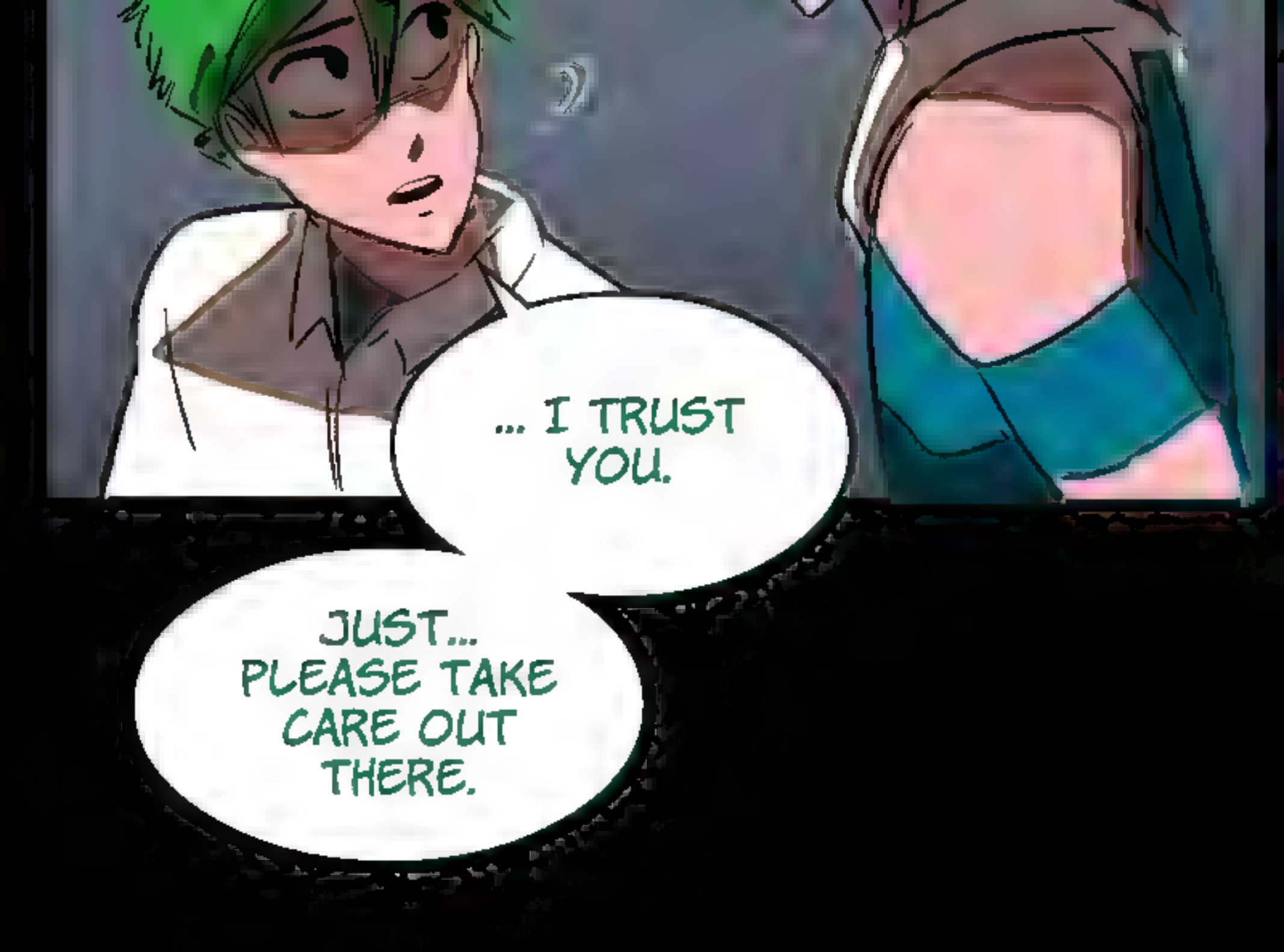
BESIDES, THERE'S ANOTHER PART OF THIS PLAN.


THERE ARE PEOPLE WAITING FOR ME IN THE REALMS TO COLLECT THE FINAL SWORDS....

IF YOU CAN FIND THEM, THEY'LL EXPLAIN THE REST.

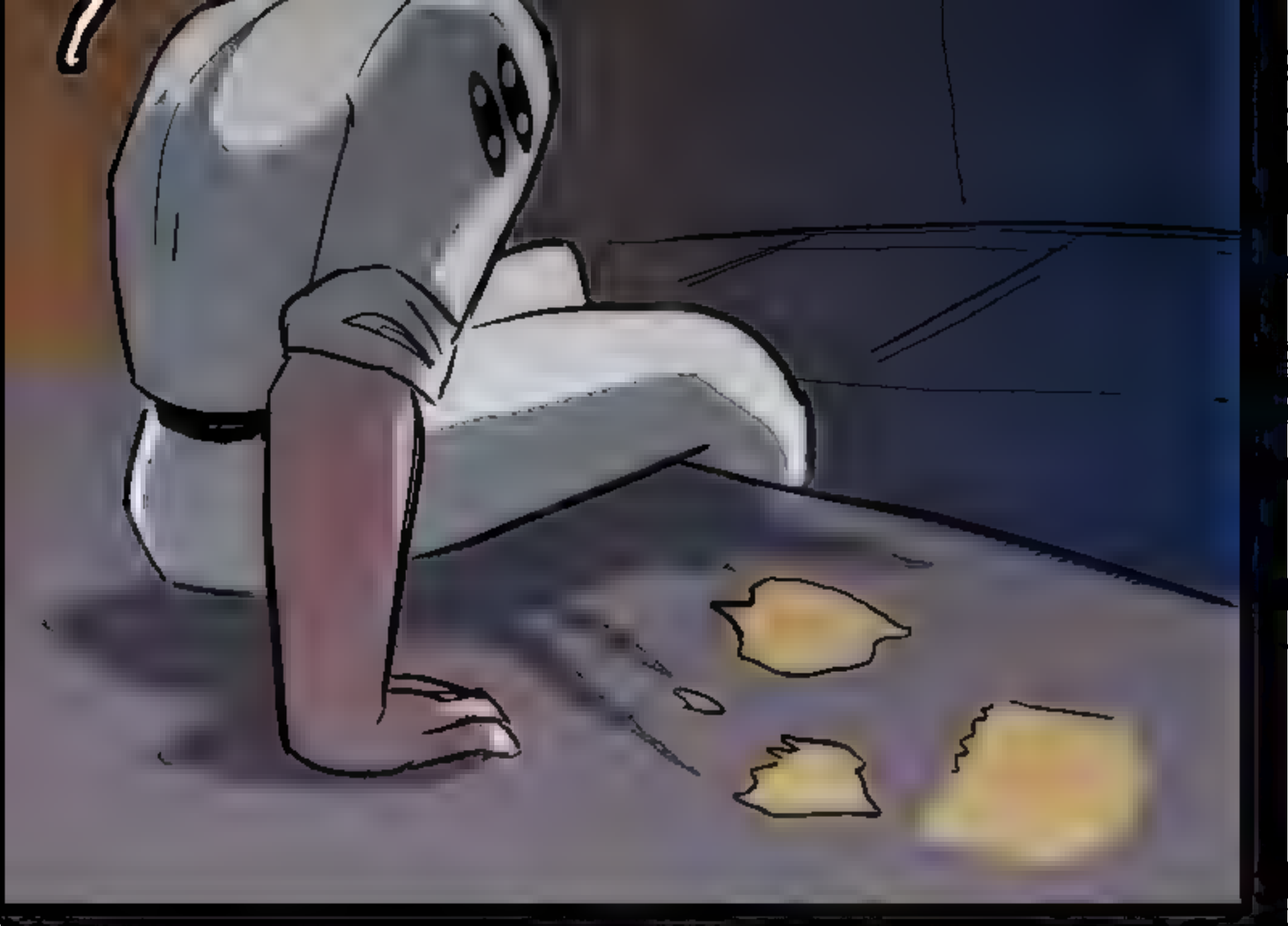
BUT WITH ANY LUCK, WE'LL BE DONE LONG BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.

GYRUS...
HAVE YOU MADE
YOUR DECISION?


... I TRUST YOU.
JUST... PLEASE TAKE CARE OUT THERE.

YOU HAVE MY WORD.

TAK
TAK
TAK

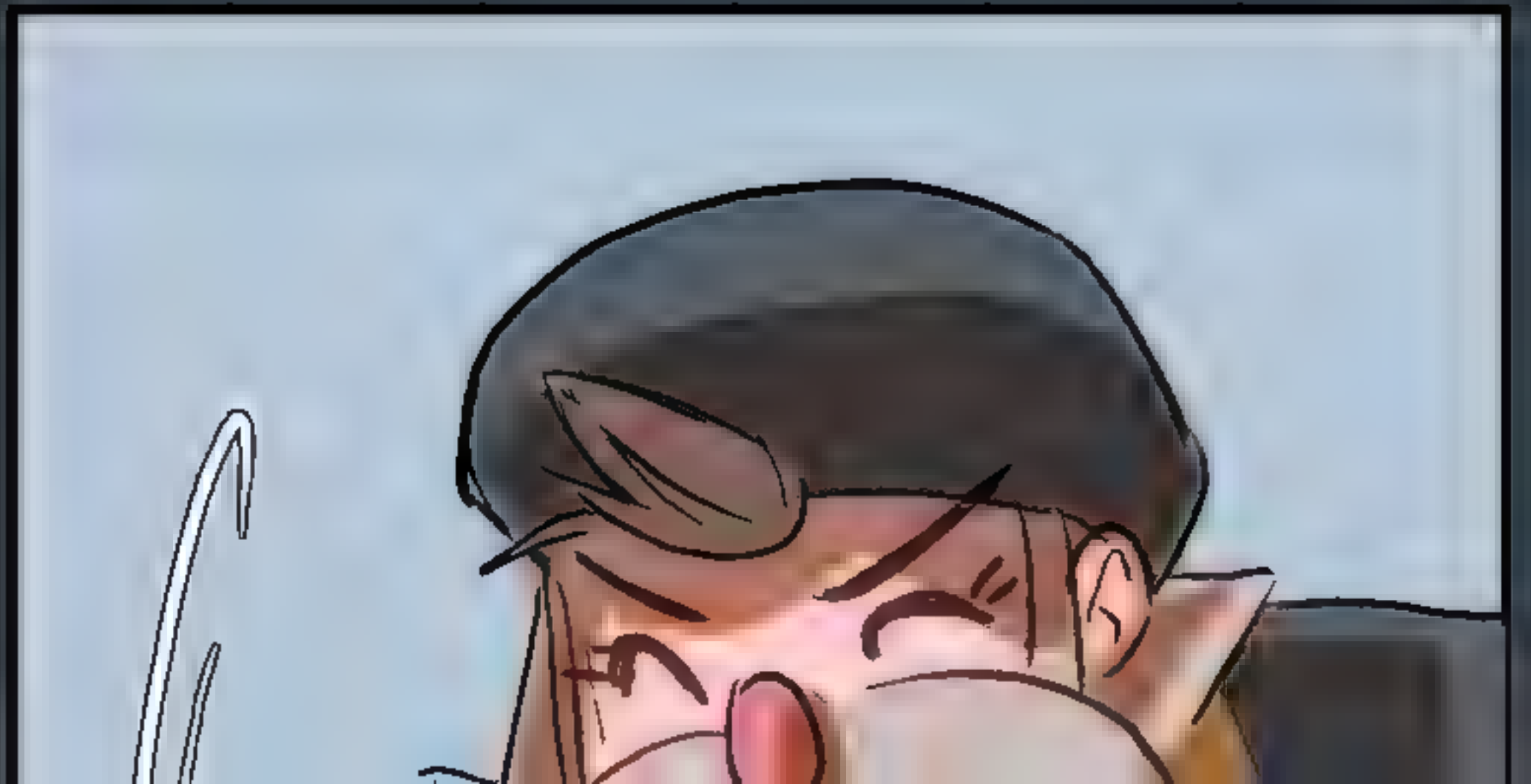


SO YOU'RE KODYA.

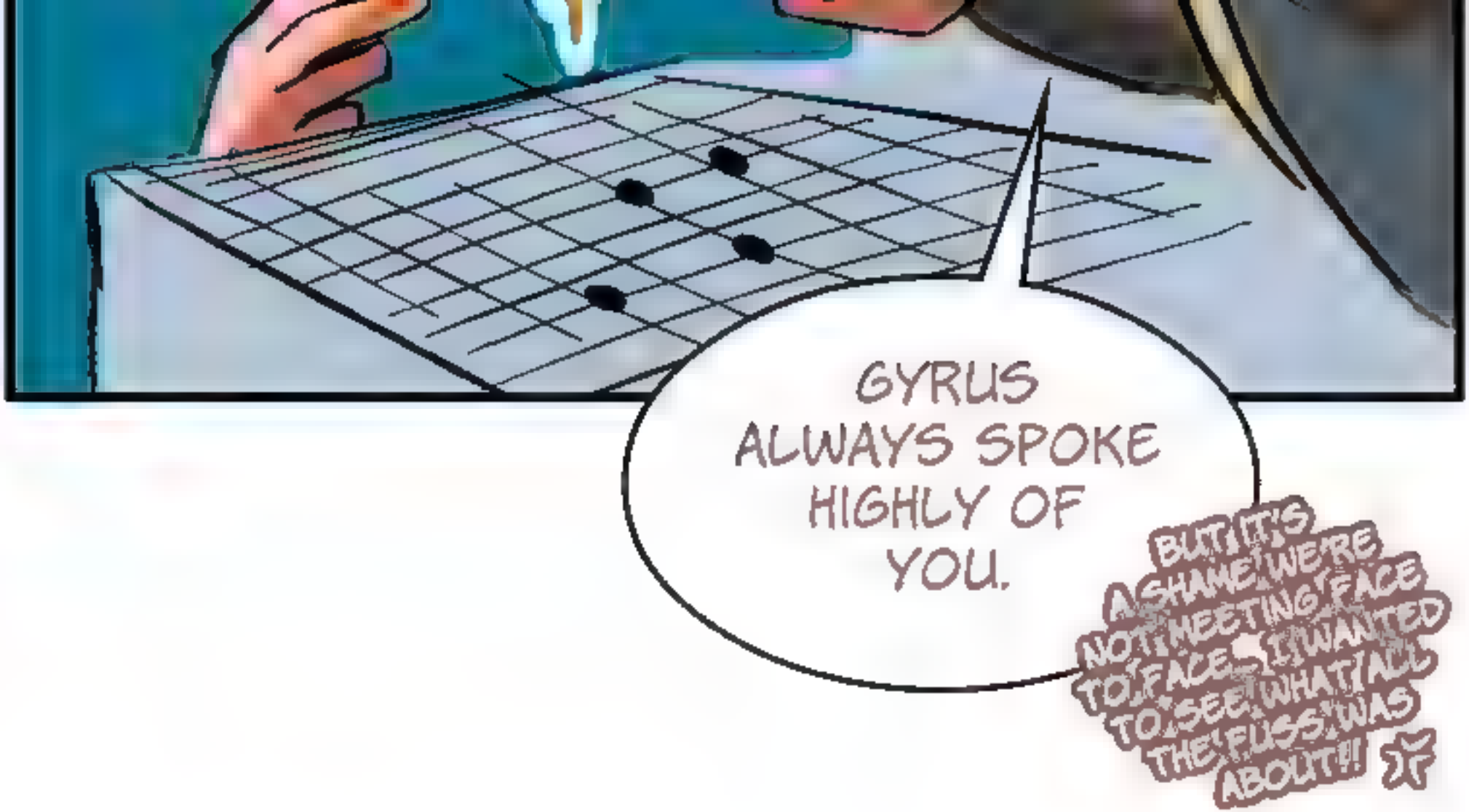
THE SAME KODYA WHO KILLED GYRUS TWO YEARS AGO?

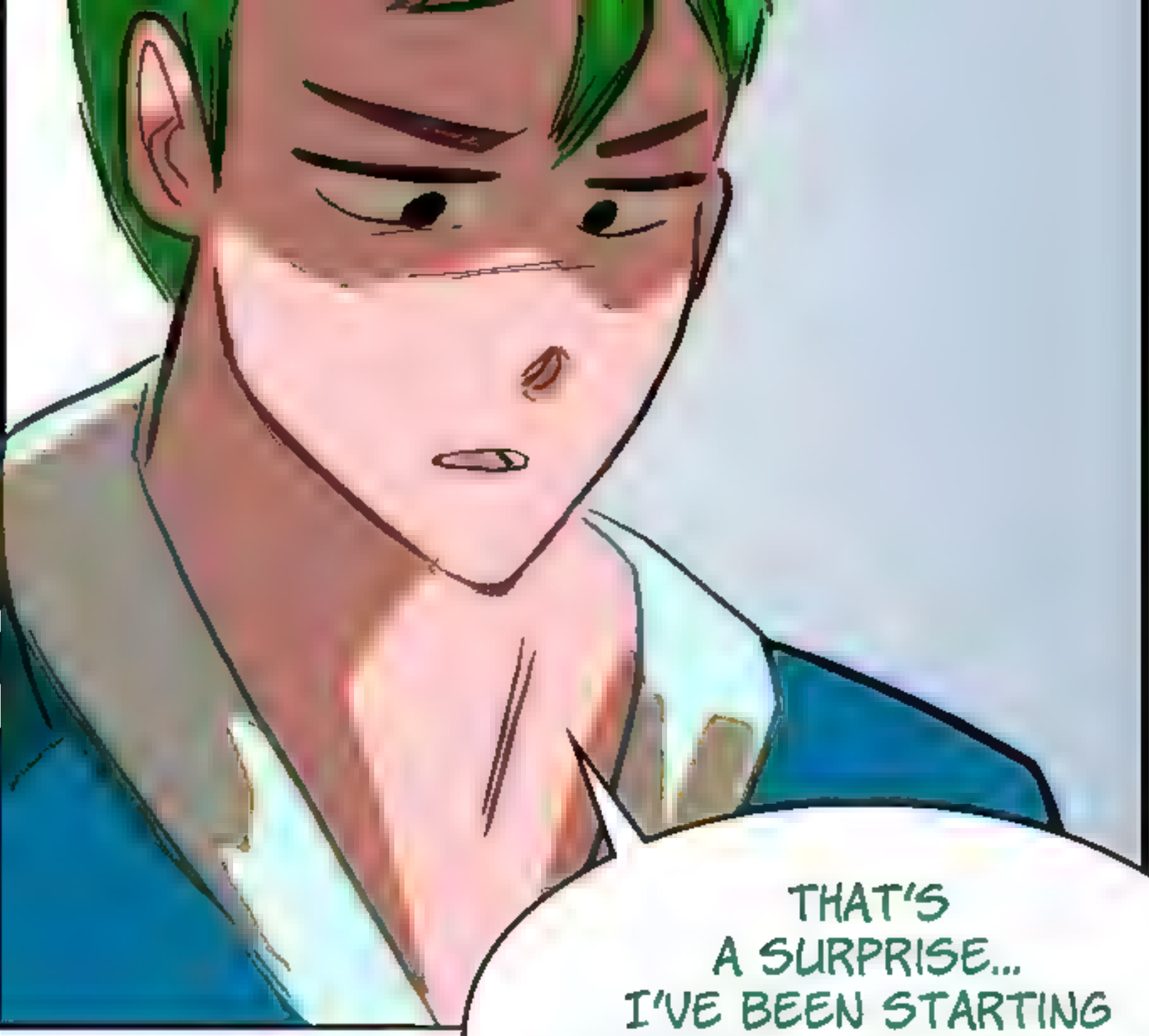
... YOU KNEW ABOUT THAT?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.



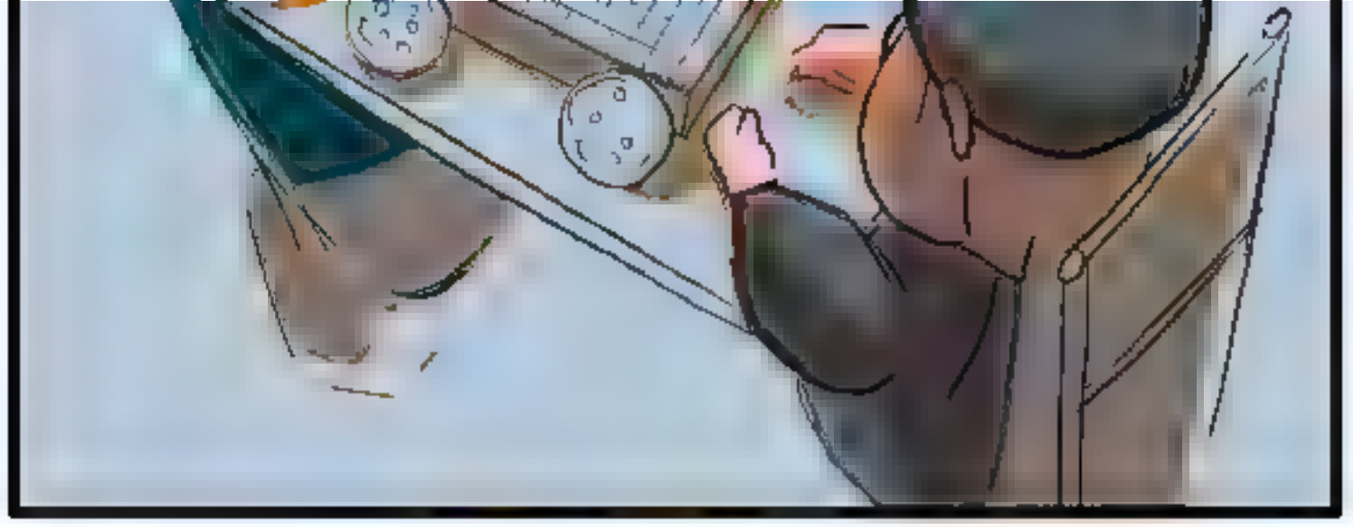
IT'S
AN HONOR TO
MEET YOU!


GYRUS ALWAYS SPOKE HIGHLY OF YOU.
BUT IT'S A SHAME WE'RE NOT MEETING FACE TO FACE. I WANTED TO SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT!!


THAT'S
A SURPRISE...
I'VE BEEN STARTING
TO FEEL LIKE WE WEREN'T
AS CLOSE AS I
THOUGHT.

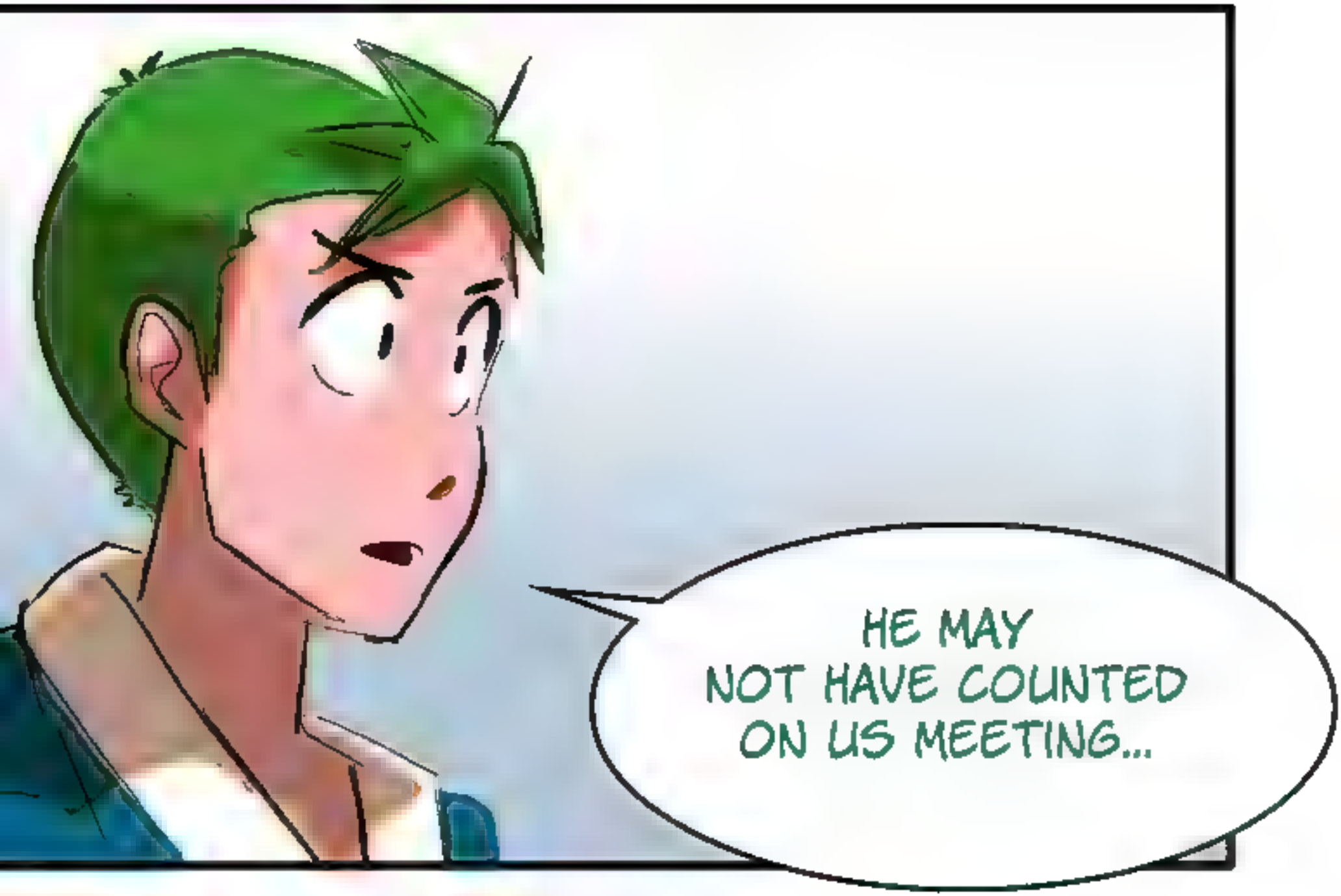
WELL
HE TRUSTED YOU
TO FILL IN FOR HIM,
THAT'S A PRETTY
BIG DEAL!

AND YOU GOT AWAY WITH IT UNTIL NOW, SO I'D SAY HE WAS RIGHT TO DO SO!

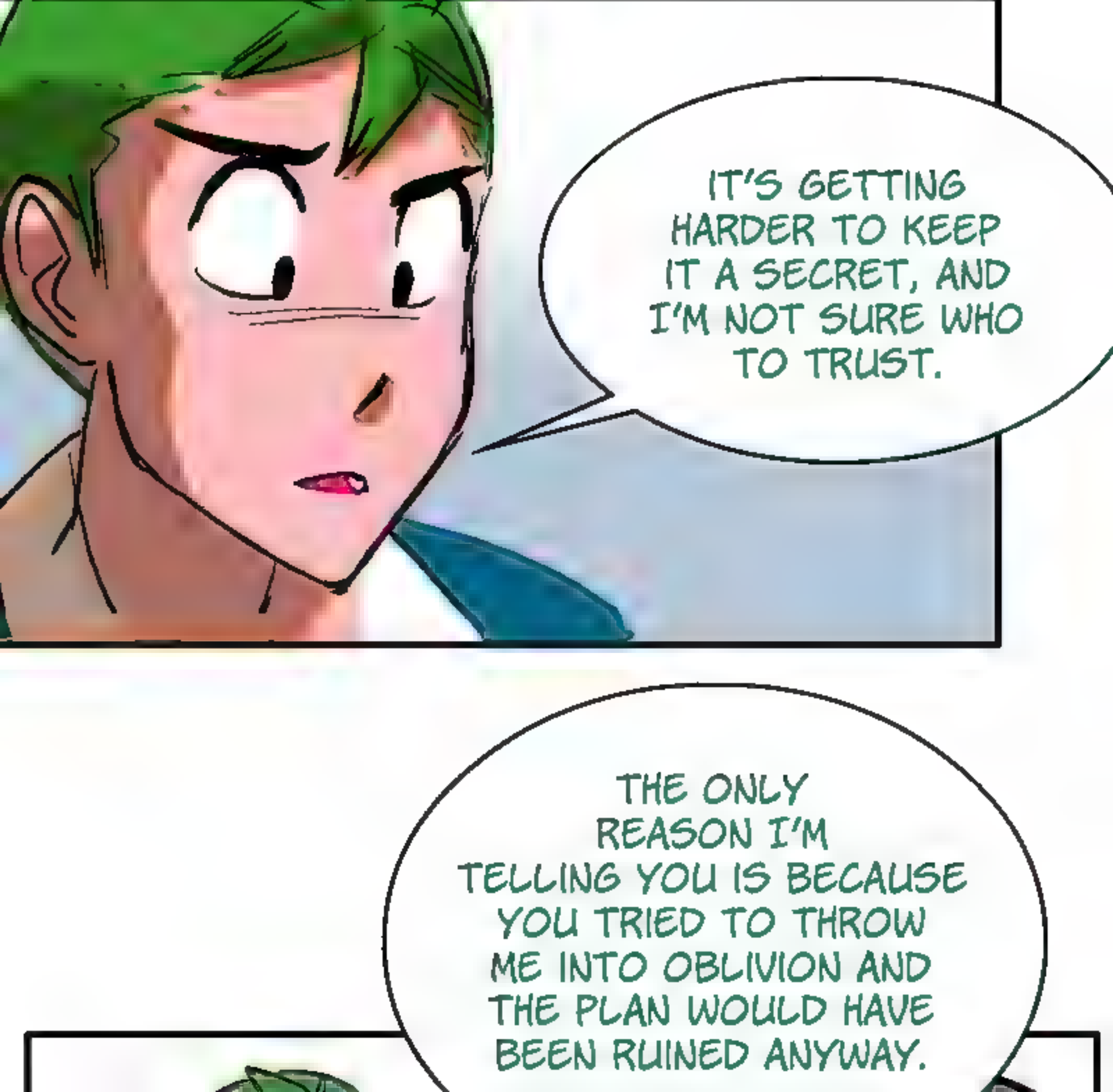


I WONDER WHY GYRUS DIDN'T WARN YOU ABOUT MY POWER, THOUGH....

HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN I'D FIGURE IT OUT RIGHT AWAVY.


HE MAY
NOT HAVE COUNTED
ON US MEETING...

I'VE BEEN HERE LONGER THAN WE PLANNED FOR ALREADY...

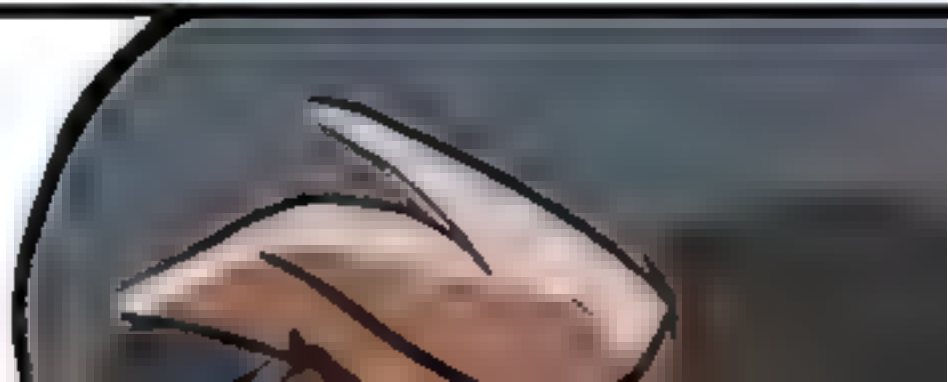

IT'S GETTING HARDER TO KEEP IT A SECRET, AND I'M NOT SURE WHO TO TRUST.
THE ONLY REASON I'M TELLING YOU IS BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO THROW ME INTO OBLIVION AND THE PLAN WOULD HAVE BEEN RUINED ANYWAY.

AH, YES,
I'M SORRY TO PUT
YOU TO THE TEST
LIKE THAT, BUT WE
CAN'T BE TOO
CAREFUL.

YOU SEE, THE BLACK BOX IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS AND IT'S HIGHLY CONTESTED

TERRITORY.

WE CAN'T LET IT FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.



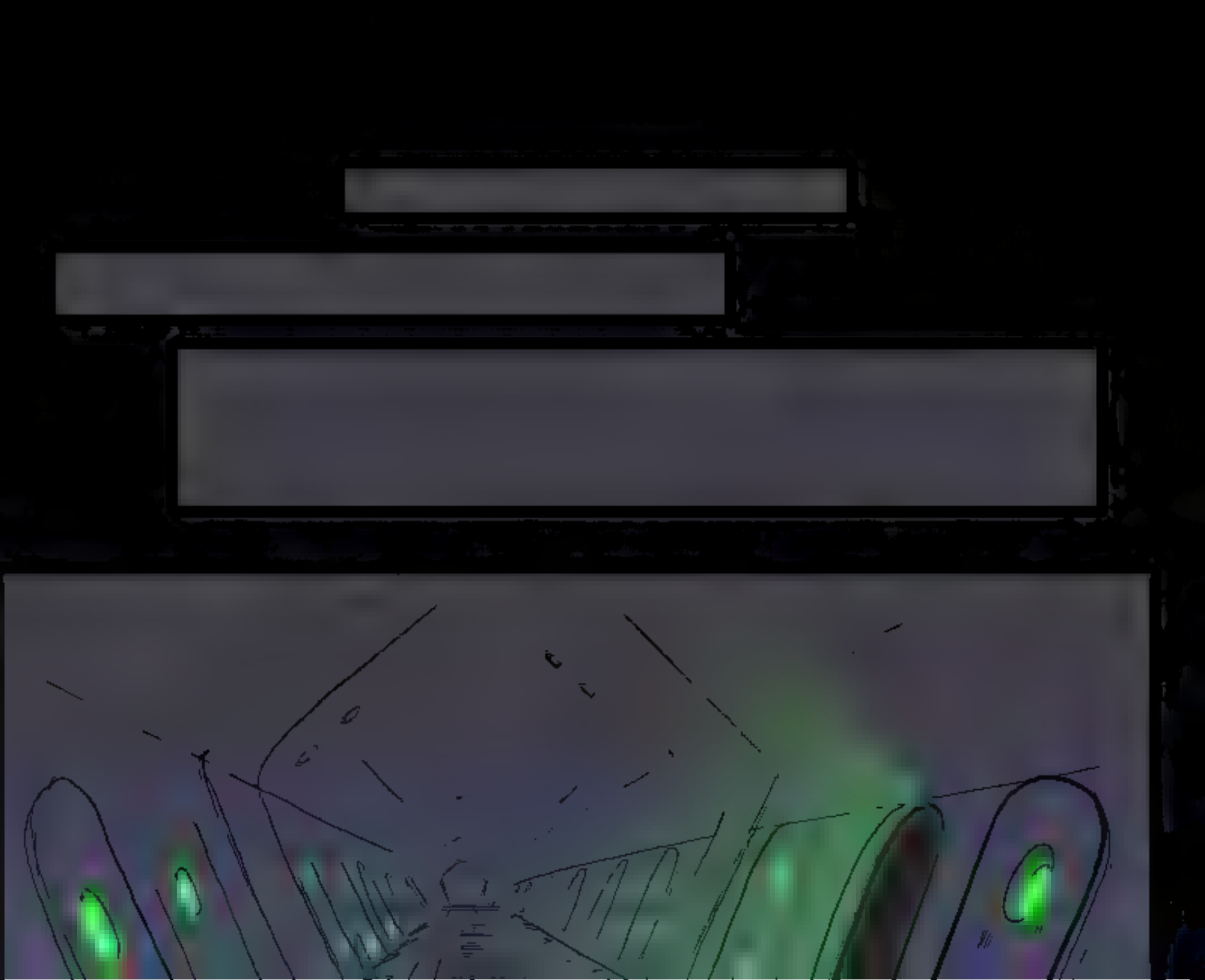
HOW LONG DID YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN PRETENDING TO BE GYRUS?

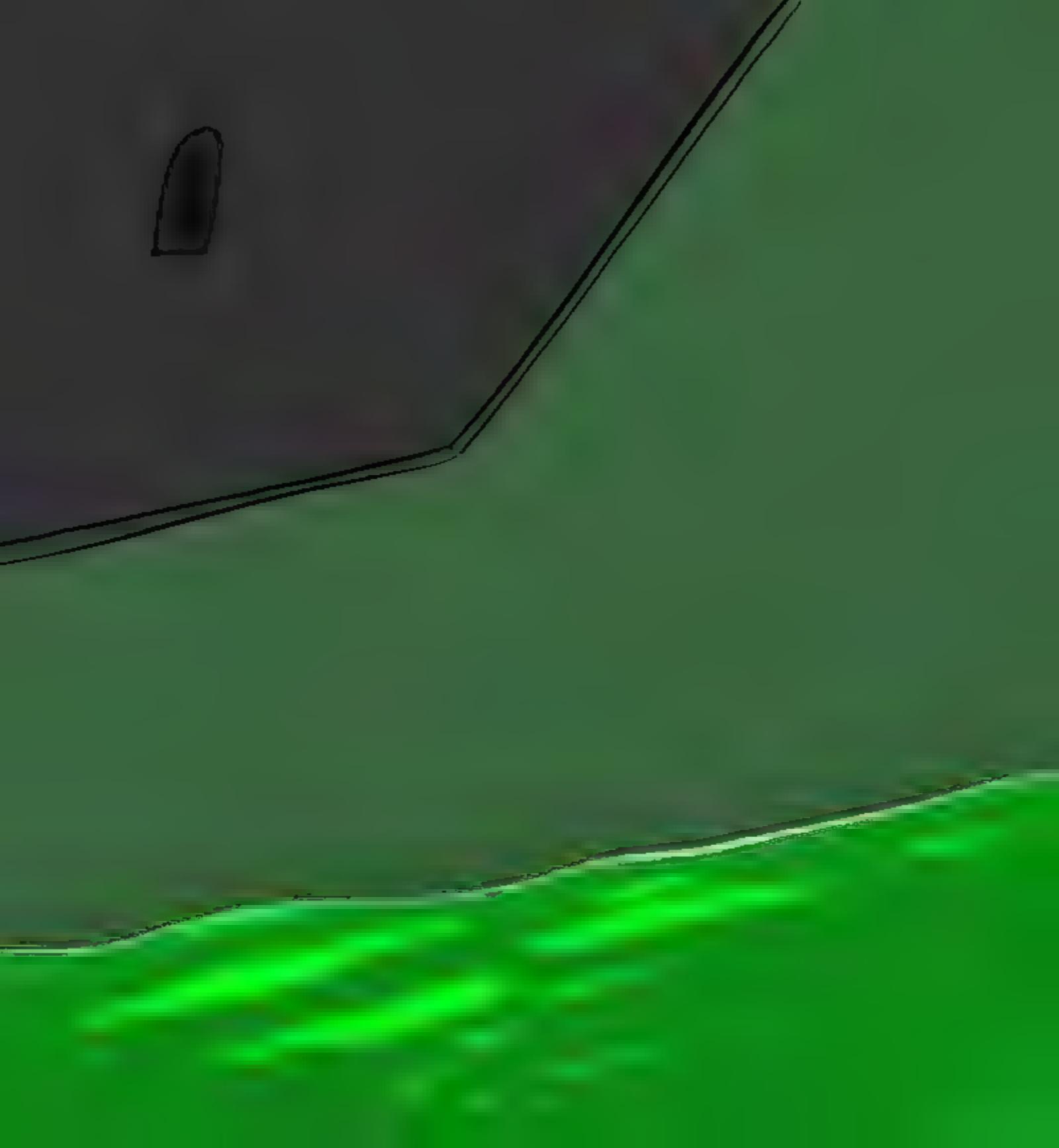
JUST
A LITTLE OVER
A WEEK...

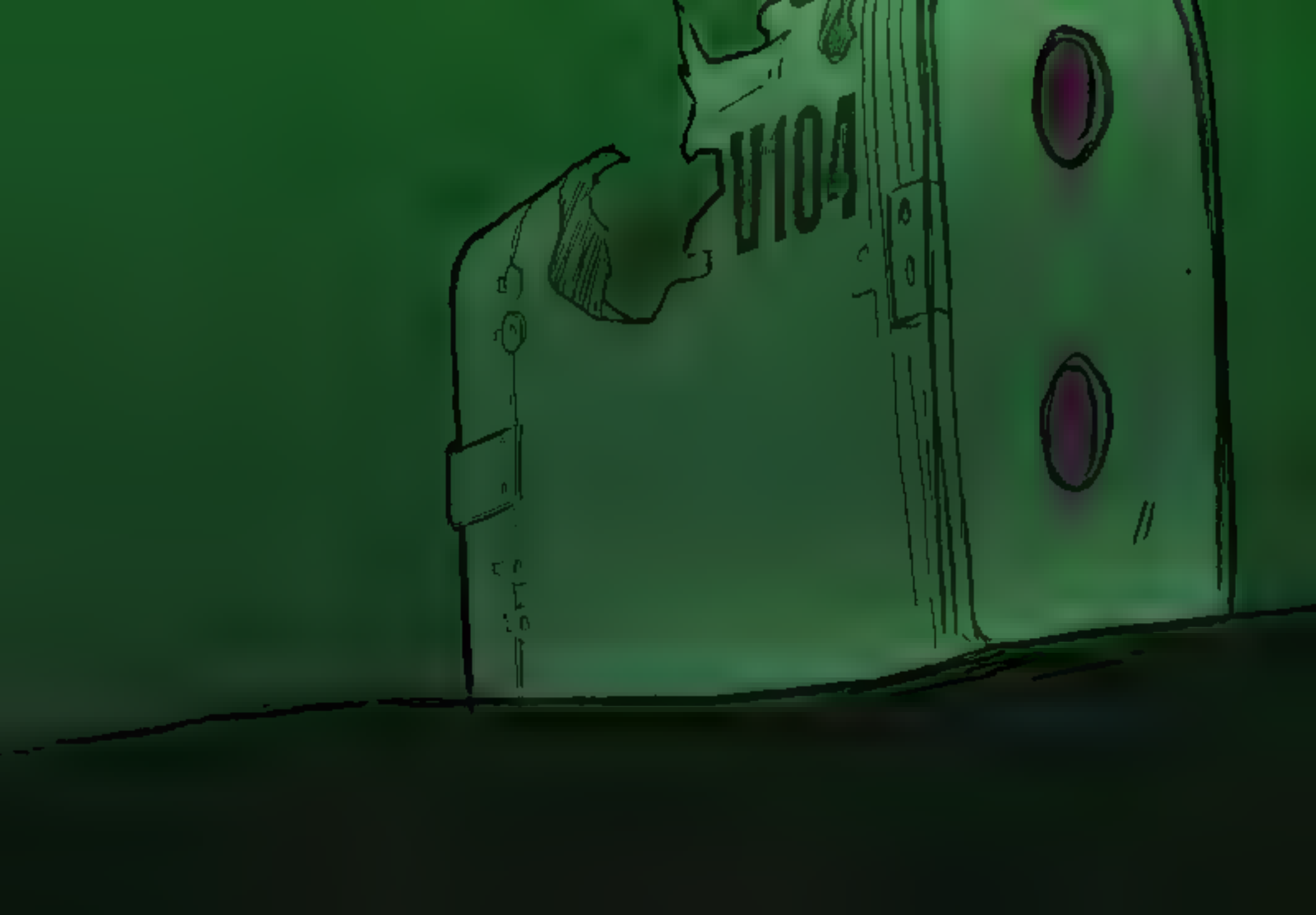
WE
MAY NOT BE
OUT OF THE
WOODS YET...

YOU MENTIONED THERE WAS A SHADOW...

YES,
BUT IT HADN'T
BEEN BACK SINCE
GYRUS LOCKED IT
IN A MEMORY.



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HELLO
EVERYONE!
IT'S US AGAIN!
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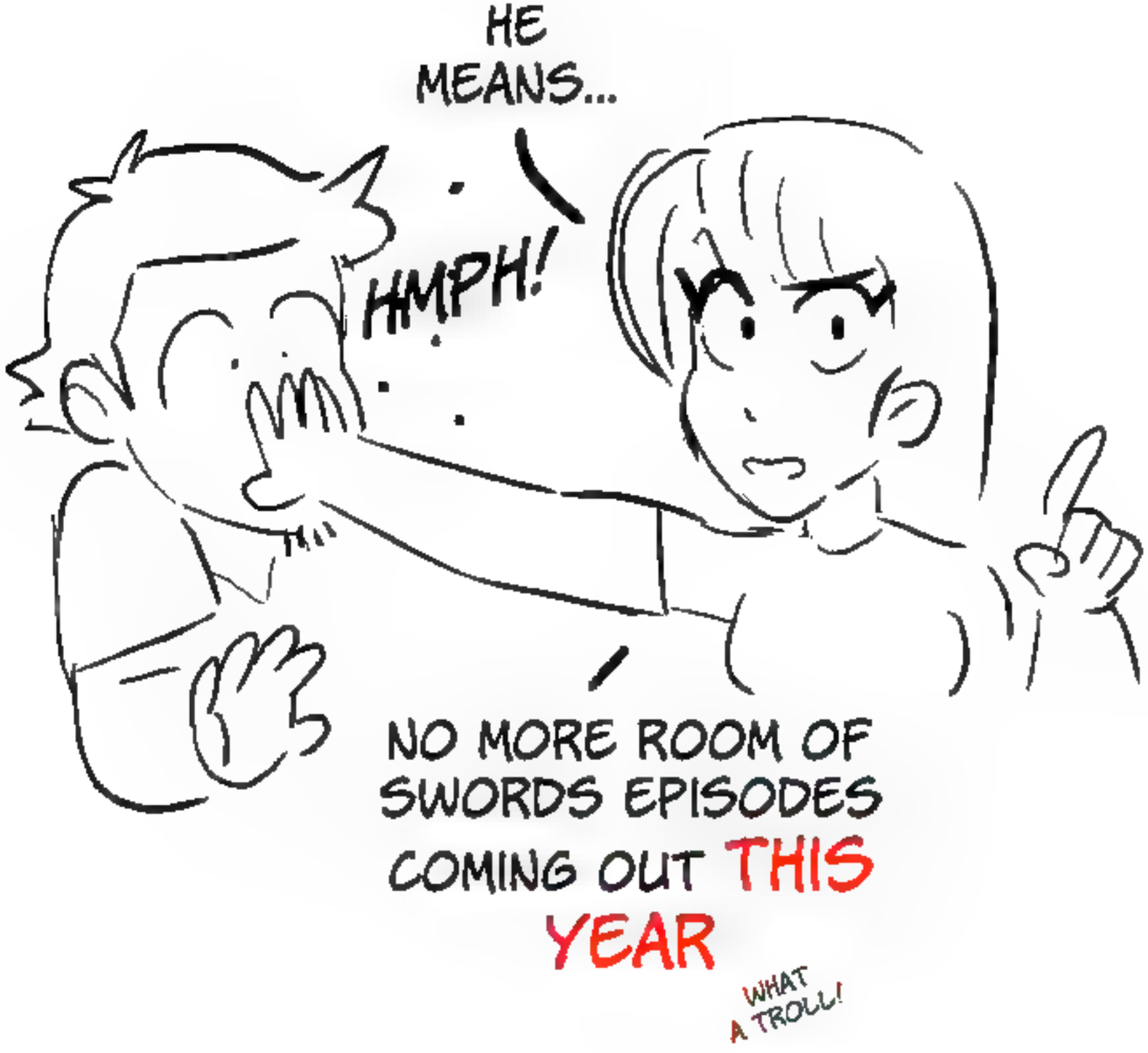
WE'RE SORRY TO SAY THIS BUT...

WE GOT
SOME REALLY BAD
NEWS...

THERE WILL BE NO MORE ROOM OF SWORDS EPISODES COMING OUT.

I KNOW,
I KNOW...WE'RE
SUPER SAD
TOO...
...
SNIFF
SNIFF
...BUT ALL GOOD
THINGS MUST COME
TO AN END...


HE MEANS...
HMPH!
NO MORE ROOM OF SWORDS EPISODES COMING OUT THIS YEAR
WHAT A TROLL!

I WAS GONNA GET TO THAT...
SO WE'LL BE BACK IN JUST TWO WEEKS.

WE ARE USING THIS TINY HIATUS TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND RECHARGE FOR NEXT YEAR.

WE SUGGEST
YOU PREPARE
YOURSELVES TOO
BECAUSE THE SECOND
HALF OF SEASON
TWO IS ABOUT TO
GET INTENSE!

WE
ARE SUPER EXCITED
FOR NEXT YEAR..!

IN THE MEANTIME, WHY NOT READ SOME FASTPASS EPISODES?
PLEASE HEAR US OUT!

THE MONEY FROM FAST PASS ACTUALLY DOES GO TO US AND IT HAS REALLY BEEN A HUGE HELP!

SO IF
YOU ENJOY READING
ROOM OF SWORDS AND
CAN AFFORD 50 CENTS
A WEEK, PLEASE
CONSIDER IT!

IF THAT'S NOT YOUR CUP OF TEA, THEN YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT US ON PATREON AND GET EXCLUSIVE ROOM OF SWORDS CONTENT!

AND I'M PRETTY SURE YOU ALREADY FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA...RIGHT?

WE UNDERSTAND IF NONE OF THOSE ARE OPTIONS, AND THAT'S OKAY! IF YOU READ AND SPREAD THE WORD, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THAT TOO!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH FOR BEING
ON THE ROOM OF
SWORDS JOURNEY
WITH US THIS
YEAR!

YOU MAKE
ALL THE HARD
WORK WORTH
IT!

BOW
BOW

SEE YOU
SOON!

CTMOSKA
(MUSIC)

BABY
TOON
HE COMES
UP WITH THE
IDEAS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

AND NEW YEAR!